

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed October 28, 2010, in connection with the present application. Claims 39-76 are currently pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required an election between three groups of claims, namely: Group I, Claims 39-61, allegedly "drawn towards response signal detail"; Group II, Claims 62-72, allegedly "drawn towards interrogation signal detail"; and Group III, Claims 73-76, allegedly "drawn towards contention avoidance."

In response, applicant elects the claims of Group I, Claims 39-61, without traverse, for examination in this application. Amendments to the claims are presented herewith for improved clarity. While the claims in Groups II and III have been marked "Withdrawn" herein, applicant has amended the claims in Groups II and III to depend from elected Claim 39 in Group I. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that examination of amended Claims 39-76 is proper in the present application.

Applicant further points out that the foregoing election of claims is made without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the non-elected claims in unamended form in one or more divisional applications.

Examination of Claims 39-76 is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the election of claims or the claim amendments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned counsel at the telephone number provided below.

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